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# Show your pride at the Air Force Ball

By Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston AWFC commander

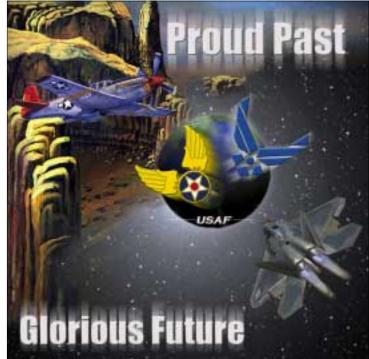
Did you watch the 'Survivor' show last week? Did you take away a feeling that you are even more proud to be in the Air Force—an Air Force where we don't do things to one another like the members of 'Survivor' did?

The winner of the \$1 million was very honest about his intentions to manipulate others in the group. And the way he and most of the others played the game in that survival environment was to exploit the other members.

I joined the Air Force to be a part of something a lot bigger and better than the environment I grew up in—a reason many of you may have joined. I took away a sense of relief from that show knowing the people I have been so fortunate to be around and work with for 30 years don't conduct themselves as an institution and as individuals like the people on that island. The people on the island may have been good people; but in the Air Force, we just don't do business that way.

The key—the institution we are part of—is not about exploiting or manipulating people. The people in our Air Force do things for selfless reasons and, for many, at a great sacrifice. And we in the service today live by standards set by those who wore the uniform before

If you want the opportunity to participate in an event celebrating not just the history of our organization, but also the legacy of what it means to be a member of



Graphic by Senior Airman Alex Ares

the "Profession of Arms," the MGM is where you want to be Sept. 16.

Air Force Balls, like Airman Leadership School graduations or similar events, where you have an opportunity to share in the history and the present with many different people, are a grand and great time that you'll long remember.

I sincerely hope that you can come out and celebrate the history of this—*Our Air Force*.

# JEFX 2000: a learning experience

By Tech Sgt. Rich Covington AWFC Public Affairs

Nellis Air Force Base hosts hundreds of deployed aircraft and units every year. Thousands of highly-trained fighter aircrews, security forces, medical personnel, intelligence experts and other warriors deploy here to hone their warfighting skills.

The best facilities, technologies, ranges and skilled warriors can be found near Nellis. Few bases can compare to this unique base, which is why the live-fly portion of the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2000 is being held here.

Capt. Brian Kieffer, 414th Combat Training Squadron, agrees Nellis is a perfect base for JEFX. The captain routinely plans for Red Flag exercises, which bring into Nellis hundreds of people and air-

craft for realistic combat exercises.

JEFX is a large-scale experiment designed to prepare the Air Force people for the challenges of future combat. It combines live-fly forces, simulations and technology to form a realistic environment for warfighters to explore new technologies and processes. The experiment began Aug. 28 and runs through Sept. 15, with the live-fly portion Sept. 11 through 14.

Mr. Curt Seebaldt, JEFX live-fly planner for the Command and Control Training and Innovation Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla., agrees that Nellis is ideal for such a challenging event. "Nellis has the airspace, ranges, threats and infrastructure in place to support such a large-scale event. It's the logical choice for the live-fly portion of the experiment," he said.

Nellis hosts several realistic com-

bat training exercises every year such as Red Flag and Air Warrior.

In addition, the 422 Test and Evaluation Squadron, tasked with testing and evaluation of new fighter technology and tactics for the Air Force, is based at Nellis.

The USAF Weapons School provides some of the most advanced training in weapons and tactics for officers in the combat air forces. The USAF Air Ground Operations School is the only school in the United States devoted to instructing military members from all the services in coordination of air to ground operations.

The JEFX live-fly phase begins right after a major electronic warfare exercise. Many assets from Green Flag 00-4 will already be in place at Nellis and roll right into IEFX

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# STEP promotion recognizes excellence

By Mrs. Linda Johnsrud **AWFC Public Affairs** 

Doubled over in surprise, the newest technical sergeant on Nellis proudly accepted the congratulations of her commanders and peers.

Tech. Sgt. Nechele Chambers, 99th Medical Group, was STEP promoted to the rank of technical sergeant Monday afternoon in the hospital conference room by Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander. He said "Sgt. Chambers took a 'marginal' Personnel Reliability Program to an 'excellent' program in just one year. Her nomination screamed of leadership."

"She's an outstanding troop, it could not have happened to a more deserving individual," said Lt. Col.

Verba Moore, Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander.

Sgt. Chambers has gone TDY to advise other units on their PRP programs so the announcement that she was once again getting on an aircraft to go TDY the next morning didn't surprise her—the fact that she would be going as a technical sergeant nearly knocked her socks off. I am fortunate to have the best leadership I have ever had since joining the Air Force," said Sgt. Chambers.

Sgt. Chambers doesn't wait for things to happen—she makes things happen. She enjoys listening to music and reading and exercising.

She's also taking up a new hobby—sewing on tech stripes.



Master Sgt. Michael Fusco pose after presenting her with new with Tech. Sgt. Nechele technical sergeant stripes.

Col. Del Eulberg and Chief Chambers, 99th Medical Group,

# **JEFX**

# **Continued from Page 1**

"Red Flag is used to handling large realistic exercises," said Capt. Kieffer.

According to Mr. Seebaldt, the Nevada Test and Training Range is a major reason experts chose this location. The 3.1 million-acre range located north of Nellis is designed for realism and provides the aircrews and planners more leeway than other locations.

There's nothing like it in the world," Mr. Seebaldt said when talking about the Nellis range. "I flew in my first Red Flag in 1977. The capability and training opportunity these ranges offer now is staggering."

For example, the range holds some of the world's most realistic targets and threat equipment. It also incorporates the Nellis Air Combat Training System, a computerized system capable of displaying real time interaction and information on more than 100 aircraft, 20 threats and several ground targets.

Mr. Seebaldt and Capt. Keifer believe that all these facilities, aircraft, people and resources make Nellis the perfect place for JEFX live fly.

The live-fly portion of JEFX 00 involves 100 aircraft from the Air Force, Navy and Marines. More than 65 of these platforms and 1,600 people will operate out of Nellis. About 30 aircraft will also be flying at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., in support of Millennium Challenge

Like JEFX live-fly utilizing the momentum of Green Flag, the live-fly activities at Ft. Polk will leverage off an Air Warrior II exercise. Air Warrior II is a realistic close air support, forward air control - airborne and battle management training for aircrews, controllers and weapons system operators exercise flown out of Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Air Warrior II falls under the Air to Ground Operations School at

'Nellis has taken the lead on JEFX 00 live fly," said Mr. Seebaldt. "What happens during live fly will shape the future of time-critical targeting, which is a high-interest item to Gen. John P. Jumper, Headquarters Air Combat Command commander, Langley Air Force Base, Va. Gen. Jumper will also act as the

**Combined Forces Air Component** commander for this year's experi-

This year, the Predator is integrated over the range during strikes, and controllers will keep fighters and bombers deconflicted above the UAV.

Nellis not only benefits by being the first to experiment with the new processes, it will also receive a cutting edge time-critical targeting cell facility.



Nellis members prepare to deploy a missile launcher as part of the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2000.

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# Air Force announces new TV commercials

By Tech. Sgt. R.R. Getsy **Headquarters United States Air** 

WASHINGTON — Evoking feelings of "pride and patriotism, fascination and diversity," the Air Force has wrapped up test screenings of its new television commercials, which are slated to premiere in movie theaters on network and cable TV.

The unveiling for Pentagon media Aug. 23 is another initiative to address Air Force recruiting and retention challenges and increase the visibility of the service. Even though the Air Force has met this year's recruiting goal, recruiters are not resting on their laurels.

"These commercials are the next offensive in our war on recruiting and retention," said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. "At the heart of the issue is retaining the quality people we have in America's Air Force today and getting our story out to people considering what to do with their lives — and to the people who influence them."

Gen. Mike Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, expects the new ads to help boost recruiting and retention by focusing audiences on the challenges and rewards of Air Force service. "These ads reflect the intangible rewards of pride, honor and the higher calling of serving our nation," he said. "They also showcase our incredible people."

## Research is key

Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, said the six new commercials consistently portray the dedication and professionalism of Air Force people performing important missions every day. "We did a lot of research," he said, "that told us we need to advertise on television to help us reach potential recruits and the general public, and also to recognize the people currently serving.

"These ads convey important messages: the Air Force does a lot for our country, the Air Force is a diverse family of extraordinary Americans, the Air Force is hiring, and the Air Force values and appreciates its people," Gen. Ryan said.

Describing the cost of the project. Gen. Rand said, "We spent \$4.4 million producing the ads, and another \$28.2 million on television and theater advertising which will reach millions of people during the coming year."

The ads were produced for the Air

Force by Siegelgale, a branding and advertising firm in New York. Siegelgale scripted several proposals and hired a Hollywood production company, MJZ, to film the ads at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and Eglin and Hurlburt Air Force Bases, Fla., earlier this year.

The job of directing the new commercials went to Mr. Bob Richardson, an Academy Award winner whose credits include being director of photography for box office hits such as "Platoon," "A Few Good Men," "JFK" and "Wag the Dog."

The ads depict scenes of a KC-10 tanker refueling a B-2 Spirit and F-117A Nighthawks, aerial shots of ing, the commercials were ready for the ad) are trying to make an imscreening by focus groups representing a sampling of the general public and Air Force members.

Civilian focus groups were held in Boston, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Kansas City and and activeduty ones at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Patrick, Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Bases, Fla.

During the screenings, comments from the audience ranged from the positive to the negative, said Dr. Steve Everett, head of Air Force public affairs research.

"The feedback from the focus groups was extremely important," said Dr. Everett. We took all the comments from everyone involved and pact." Another viewer said an ad "made me feel like I'm a winner, because I'm part of a winning team."

Similar comments were also evident throughout the Air Force screenings.

"There were some ads where the airmen felt emotionally involved and reacted strongly," Dr. Everett said. Some airmen felt pride and patriotism, while others disliked the music and overall theme of some of the ads.

### **New Air Force theme line**

The commercials also tested a new theme line for the Air Force, "America's Air Force — No One Comes Close."

"No One Comes Close" really describes our Air Force," said Gen. Rand.

"People in the focus groups interpreted this to mean no other country in the world comes close to the U.S.; no other Air Force in the world comes close to doing what we do; and no other endeavor comes close to the hightech opportunities available to people in the Air Force."

"No One Comes Close" offers lots of other communication advantages, said the general. "For example, no one comes close to our technical sophistication, no one comes close to our education

> opportunities, and no one comes close to what we offer our members."

"Ultimately, we want these ads to evoke strong positive feelings and a greater understandand ing awareness of the Air Force. our people and our mission," Secretary Peters said.

Saturday the ads will air on FOX's coverage of major league baseball between 1 and 4 p.m. and Sunday on "The Simpsons" between 10 and 10:30 p.m. CBS will air the ads Sunday during "NFL Today" between 1 and 4 p.m. Look for the new commercials on Nellis Cable Channel 11.

The airmen in the ads were trying to make an impact. It made me feel like I'm a winner because I'm part of a winning team.

> **Comments made by focus groups** after seeing the new commercials

the F-22 Raptor and F-16 and F-15 fighters flying over the Mojave Desert.

# It's not just airplanes

But it's not just glitzy airplanes that are showcased in the commercials. Mr. Bill Coker, assistant director, said the ad campaign's central theme was to show what it means to be an Air Force member.

The ads emphasize Air Force people," he said. "You often see hardware (in past commercials) because it's exotic and exciting. But what these ads show is the team spirit and sense of adventure in what the rest of the Air Force does the part that (the public) doesn't get to see very much such as what it takes to launch a bomber or fighter."

# **Role models**

He said the commercials also serve as a salute to those who work in support roles. All airmen "should see themselves as role models," Mr.

Everyone appearing in the ads is an Air Force civilian or military member, such as Airman 1st Class Crystal Pajak, a 412th Component Repair Squadron jet mechanic.

While talking to a friend, she learned that MJZ had selected her to participate in a commercial.

Following the filming and edit-

used them to fine tune the ads."

In one photo, an F-117 Stealth Fighter takes on fuel for a filming sequence during the filming of the commercials.

For example, he said, in the civilian screenings, one ad generated



comments ranging from "pride and patriotic" to one by a student who said. "I would have ignored (the ad)."

people who had previously expressed no interest in the military prior to the screening. Afterward, one such naysayer called an ad "fascinating. They (airmen shown in

Other comments came from



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Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

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Warfare Center commander, greets Gen. Patrick Gamble,

Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston, Air Pacific Air Forces commander, during the Pacific Air Chiefs' visit to Nellis Aug. 21.

Red Flag's 25th moves to November Red Flag celebrates its 25th anniversary in November instead of September. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.

# HH-60 crash results released

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - Pilot error caused an Air Force HH-60G helicopter to land hard and roll over in Kuwait Dec. 15.

According to the Accident Investigation Board report released Monday by Air Combat Command, Capt. Paul Anderson failed to properly execute an approach to landing during night tactical training. The report states that the pilot allowed the helicopter's airspeed to drop too low, resulting in an excessive sink rate. Between 50 and 75 feet above the ground, the helicopter began a nearly vertical descent, landed hard and rolled over. All four crewmembers safely egressed the aircraft following the crash.

For more information, call the Air Combat Command Public Affairs office at (757) 764-5994 or send questions via email to acc.pab@langley.af.mil.

**Editor's note: Information** provided by Air Combat **Command Public Affairs.** 



# **Magical night: The Air Force Ball**

Airman 1st Class Michelle Corlett 99th Mission Support Squadron

Once a week anywhere from 10 to 15 people meet in a small conference room located in the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital. They sit for an hour or two planning, debating, refining and perfecting. They are creating one of the largest, most spectacular events Nellis Air Force Base has ever seen: the Air Force Ball.

For months now this fine group of people ranging from officer to Airman have been working out all the details for this gala that has taken on a life of its own. Starting as an idea, it is now an event.

Sept. 16, people stationed at Nellis, guests from the Southern Nevada community and former military members living in the area will gather at the MGM Grand to celebrate our nation's Air Force.

The Nellis First Sergeants' Group, the Nellis Chiefs' Group, the Nellis Top 3, the Officers Spouses Club, the Nellis Company Grade Of-

ficers Council and the Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association are privately sponsoring the Air Force Ball.

Just imagine walking into a magnificent ballroom filled with glittering lights, each place setting highlighted with an Air Force Ball commemorative coin. Everyone dressed in his or her finest and dancing to a soft tune played by none other than the Air Force band, Blue Steel.

The Air Force Ball committee is making a promise to all who attend, camaraderie and elegance will be the highlights of the evening.

The committee is also promising from the moment people step into the room they will feel nothing but pride to be a part of the greatest Air Force in the world.

Time is running out to be a part of this historic event. Tickets for the ball will only be sold until Sept. 6. Keep watching the Bullseye for further details and updates. Don't be left out. This is a chance to be a part of history.

## Air Force Ball

- ~A local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen will attend and have a display.
- ~Historic uniforms will be on display.
- ~A POW/MIA table will honor those who were captured and those who are still unaccounted for.
- ~Each person attending the event receives a Millennium coin commemorating the night.
- The guest speaker, Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, was the director of operations for U.S. Air Forces in Europe during the conflict in Bosnia.



The ball is Sept. 16 at the MGM Grand. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

## Ticket prices are:

E-1 to E-4 \$20 E-5 to E-6 \$25 All others \$30

**Dress:** Mess dress or semi-formal and appropriate civilian attire.

**Guest speaker:** Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander. For more information, call a unit first sergeant.

# Up close

Name: Col. Stephen Schmidt Unit: 99th Dental Squadron Date assumed command: Aug. 16 **Previous job or assignment:** 

Commander, 86th Dental Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. **Time in service:** 22 years

**Commissioning Source:** Following dental school graduation, direct commission.

Family: Wife, Kathleen; daughter, Mrs. Jennifer Lienemann, and son, Daniel

**Hobbies:** Weight lifting Why is your unit important to **the Air Force mission?** To ensure our active duty force is dentally ready for deployment.

Your command philosophy. To provide an environment of teamwork and cooperation to accomplish the mission.

What is your goal for your squadron? To provide the best possible dental care to all beneficiaries.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Left, Col. Stephen Schmidt, 99th Dental Squadron commander, confers with Col. Marcus Beryerle, 99th DS.

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**USAF Air Ground Operations School** is the single Department of Defense agency devoted to instruction and training in coordinated joint air-ground operations and a focal point for joint education and training in concepts, doctrine and control systems.



# Survival: North Vietnamese POW camp

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz

AWFC Public Affairs

In 1967, a pilot from Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., 1st Lt. Stephen Long, was deployed to Southeast Asia as a forward air controller flying an 0-2. Fresh out of school, this was his first assignment for the Air Force.

Lt. Long reported to Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base working with the 23rd Tactical Air Support Squadron.

"The mission for an air controller was to find targets and call in F-4s," said Lt. Long. "We then assessed the damage after the fighters left."

The target, the Ho Chi Minh Trail, was the main artery for transporting artillery and supplies to South Vietnam from the north.

"The mission was classified," said Lt. Long. "Special Forces were being placed on the ground in villages near the trail. It was really a high threat environment to be directly on the trail. We would go out and fly cover for the special forces.

"I was shot down while flying a two-mission sortie," said Lt. Long. "First, I was to go out and mark the targets on the trail for the F-4 to drop listening devices that would pick up truck activities, and I was also to escort Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Morrell, a photographer for the 13th Air Force, who was standardizing procedures for handheld cameras."

Flying into cloud cover, Lt. Long and Chief Morrell were shot down immediately.

"In a steep dive, we had to release our seatbelts, open the door and step out over the side," said Lt. Long. "Chief Morrell was able to get out, but I was knocked unconscious. Being weightless in the airplane, I must have hit the roof. I really don't remember."

Thrown out the open door that Chief Morrell had jumped from, the rush of air on his face revived him just enough to open his parachute. But Lt. Long still slammed into the ground hard.

"I got on the radio and yelled 'May Day' and tried to get up to run," said Lt. Long. "I found I had broken my femur. It didn't make much difference because I had six or seven Vietnamese with AK-47 machine guns running toward me."

The lieutenant's captors stripped him of his watch, knife, gun, flightsuit, boots and socks.

He was taken to a cave in Laos for a few days then transferred by truck into North Vietnam. He was brought into Camp Vegas in Hanoi for three weeks of relentless interrogation and torture. "They played physiological games with my broken leg. They would bring a doctor in and say, 'the doctor says we are going to have to cut off your leg. Now if you give us information we will give you medical help,'" said Lt. Long. "I had nightmares about it."

Lt. Long told lies about the Loation operations and any other questions the North Vietnamese asked so they would stop torturing him.

"They wanted to know how we operated, the air routes that we flew, about the squadrons, and even asked me about sensors that we dropped on the ground," said Lt. Long. "I told them all lies."

Finally the lieutenant was thrown into a 7-foot by 8-foot solitary confinement cell.

"My first 18 months were spent in solitary confinement," said Lt. Long. "There was a lot of time for insight. You always focused on what you were going to do once you got out. There were also times when you thought the war was never going to end."

Lt. Long spent his days learning how to communicate with his fellow prisoners with a tap code system.

"The tap code system was learned very quickly after a POW came into the camp," said Lt. Long. "You could communicate in many different ways. For example, if



Photo by Ms. Monique Staskiewicz

Retired Maj. Stephen Long poses next to a picture of the Vietnam War Memorial. "The wall" has special meaning for him, he spent four years in a Vietnamese prison camp.

you were chopping wood you could 'whack' your code or if you were using a broom, 'sweep' the code. We also passed notes and used our cups to talk against the wall. The oddest one was the voice tap where you could cough or sniffle the code. The Vietnamese thought we all had some kind of upper respiratory problem."

After four years of captivity in a hostile country, on March 28, 1973, Lt. Long finally went home.

Of the 600-plus men missing in Laos during the war, only seven were released after the war.

"It doesn't take much to realize -- under the conditions I was in -- that in order to have freedom, someone is going to have to sacrifice," said Lt. Long. "There are 58,000 names on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Those people made the biggest sacrifices."

Lt. Long served 20 years in the Air Force before retiring as a major. He currently lives and works in Las Vegas for the State of Nevada's Office of Veterans' Services.

"War changes your priorities; I appreciate things more than I did before and try not to take things for granted," said Lt. Long. "Even the American Flag is something special to me, seeing it wave in the breeze."

# JEFX stresses flexibility, feasibility

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington AWFC Public Affairs

An experiment conducted during the livefly portion of the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2000 at Nellis in September will enable aircraft missions to be changed or assigned minutes before attacking a target — all done in a new one-of-a kind center at Nellis.

The process known as time-critical targeting enables targets to be found, identified, assigned and quickly taken out. JEFX will look at whether this can be done using a

time-critical targeting cell in the new Nellis JEFX Combined Air Operations Center -Forward located next to the Red Flag building. It is the forward end of a bigger picture that's coordinated through more complex centers at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Hurlburt Field, Fla.

In the past, deciding to take out a target could take up to 72 hours before the aircraft launched or the target was destroyed. Officials say this must change.

According to Lt. Col. Jim Lopez, 505th Operations Squadron commander, increased technology in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance along with improved communications enables the military to better designate and assign targets. "This facility hopes to use this new ability," he said. "It will act as a bridge between operations and tacti-

cal employment. It aims to centralize the command yet decentralize the execution."

During this JEFX, the COAC-Forward falls under a joint forces air component commander, located at Hurlburt Field which helps develop theater objectives for the experiment. The forward center at Nellis will then develop the plans and nominate resources to achieve the theater objectives. Officials hope to utilize such operational control in future exercises or conflicts.

Officials said the time-critical targeting cell has the ability to quickly gather intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance

information and assign or reassign aircraft to targets.

The aircraft could already be in flight in the area or could be awaiting targets. For example, if a mobile SCUD missile launcher should suddenly be found, the TCTC would be able to quickly set up a tasking and take the launcher out before it could launch its missile – all within minutes. Such scenarios will also be looked at during JEFX.

Though better use of technology enables such a facility to exist, officials like Col. Lopez stress the facility doesn't rely on just technology. "Technology is only a force multiplier," he said. "The key to this facility is new processes and people. In this JEFX we are looking at the tools and technology to enhance the campaign. It's the people that will make it work."



A Russian made MAZ 543 TEL SCUD missile launcher simulates an enemy threat during Roving Sands at Tonopah Test Range. During Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2000, destroying such targets quickly is the goal of time-critical targeting.



# Future of combined joint operations centers

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington AWFC Public Affairs

Air Combat Command and Nellis officials are closely watching the Nellis JEFX Combined Air Operations Center-Forward, and its time-critical targeting cell.

According to Lt. Col. Patrick J. Sheets, commander of Det. 3, Nellis Combat Operations, ACC and other Air Force units are going to use the results of this experiment to determine the future of a command and control center for the joint/combined aerospace operations centers. In addition, the facility, some of its infrastructure and lessons learned, will be turned over to Nellis after JEFX concludes in mid-September.

Nellis will then use the combined air operations center to enhance

future exercises, such as Red Flag. Col. Sheets said his new organization "will provide a combat operations platform to perform training, testing and experimentation of the equipment, tactics and procedures Sheets. "The intent is not to alter any of the great tactical training that goes on over the Nevada Test and Training Range."

As such, Col. Sheets is closely involved in helping and observing

trol Squadron, Iowa National Guard, and the 505th Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field will most likely be the primary units using the facility.

Lt. Col. Jim Lopez, 505th OS commander, said his unit will be tasked with providing expertise and people to train base and visiting units during exercises on how to use a combined air operations center. The 133d ACS provides the new unit an air battle manager and communications air control expertise.

Officials' stress that JEFX is only an experiment and a process. It isn't an exercise designed to train or be a smooth process. Some of the initiatives that take place in this JEFX may not be realized or used for years or never. Regardless of the results, Nellis will benefit greatly from this new capability.

# This will enable us to train at an operational level.

Col. Patrick Sheets Det. 3 combat operation commander

that make up the combat operations capability in a joint/combined air operations center.

"Everything we've done in Red Flag is at a tactical level. This facility will enable us to train at an operational level," he said.

The new facility will be able to make exercises work more on a theater level of combat. said Col. the combined air operations center – forward and, especially, time-critical targeting cell processes during the JEFX. He will help make such a center work in the next Red Flag exercise in October, said Col. Sheets,

The same units here today will probably continue to train others in this facility. The 133rd Air Con-

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The first few steps of any journey are always the most important. They set the direction and the pace that we will travel. This is especially true when discussing kicking the nicotine habit. Whether it is smoking or chewing tobacco, the first few days will set the tone and can decide if you will permanently kick the habit.

First and most important, plan your quit day. Set an actual date and allow yourself one to two weeks to set up and 'psych-up.' Tell everyone because it adds a little pressure to follow through.

Second, make sure you are committed. It should be a low stress time, preferably away from the holidays. Even if you attend the classes and receive the benefit of medication and moral support, it will eventually come down to just you and the cigarettes. You have to be ready to face this on your own.

Third, in preparation for approaching the quit date, taper off tobacco usage. Do not simply do this "by the numbers"--cutting the number of smokes or "dips" used. Instead cut down by the situation. For those who smoke at home, make the house a no-smoking

area, and then stop "dipping" in the car, or when talking on the phone. These simple steps will lead to a reduction in the numbers and also benefit the change of lifestyle that is so important to being successful.

Fourth, get lots of sugar-free candies or gum. Attempting to

behavior. This is the most difficult aspect of quitting.

Next, fill the house with nutritious, low calorie snacks like carrots and celery. It is necessary to take some time to prepare these in easily usable single-serving portions beforehand. This way they are just as easy to eat as a



quit smoking doesn't only involve trying to beat the nicotine addiction, which is cleared from the system in three days, but it also involves overcoming years of learned hand to mouth repetitive candy bar or bag of chips, but much better for the body.

The night before the quit date throw away all cigarettes, pick up all the butts from around the house and in the yard. Empty all ashtrays and either put them away or fill them with potpourri. Give away lighters, matches and cigar cutters. Remove from sight any and every reminder of a smoker. Also set the alarm clock for 15 minutes later, use the time once spent smoking to sleep a little later.

It's the quit day. Now running 15 minutes late, there's no time to think about smoking. Drink a tall cold glass of water to start the day, it will make the body feel full, and also start the metabolism process. Don't have a cup of coffee until at work and plan activities, like a quick 10-minute walk or a water break that can be taken when you would have gone out to have your cigarette.

These are simple steps to help increase the chances of being successful.

Take the steps and plan a quit date. Then the response to the smokers in the work area after being invited outside for a cigarette can be, "No thanks, I don't smoke."

For more ideas, medications and moral support, attend the Tobacco Cessation classes held Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. The HAWC can be reached by calling 653-3375/3376.



# Civilian tackles SOS

By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas **AWFC Public Affairs** 

Air Force history exams, team building exercises, group studies and obstacle courses filled seven weeks of a Nellis civilian's life.

Ms. Eather Stewart was one of 12 other civilians to complete Squadron Officer's School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., with a graduating class of 540 July 14. The school is the second course in the Air Force officer's professional military education instruction in which only a few civilians attend.

'Very few in-residence slots are allocated to civilian employees each year," said Mr. George Salton, 99th Contracting Squadron. "Attendance clearly signals initiative and a strong desire to prepare for greater leadership roles in the Air Force."

Ms. Stewart jumped in prepared to devote her nights to



Ms. Eather Stewart, 99th Contracting Squadron, poses in the unit's conference room.

studying, but soon learned of a bigger challenge.

'We had to run three miles every week," said Ms. Stewart. "I participated in field exercises wearing the bottom half of the military uniform and completed the obstacle course.'

The other students were younger and accustomed to the military style of physical condi-

tioning, said Ms. Stewart. "It was all new to me."

Along with scaling walls and running, Ms. Stewart spent long days and nights working on leadership exercises.

Students learned how to tailor their leadership styles to fit individual personalities, said Ms. Stewart. One person may require more of a delegation style while another may require a telling approach based on their skill levels.

"We really had the chance to practice leadership skills and see how they relate with communication and writing," said Ms Stewart.

During SOS students are broken down into teams to facilitate learning team building exercises. Ms. Stewart's team consisted of herself and 12 military members.

"You lived and breathe as thirteen, said Ms. Stewart. We learned that the strongest team member is only as strong as the weakest one on the team."

Ms. Stewart left behind a team of co-workers when she left for SOS, but the temporary loss has proven beneficial according to Mr. Salton.

"Ms. Stewart's training is very helpful in working with her co-workers to develop teaming arrangements and understanding the goals of our customers," said Mr. Salton.

"It (attending SOS) is a great opportunity for civilian employees to participate in professional military education to gain a greater understanding of the application of air and space power, leadership tools and the values and application of being a military equivalent," said Mr. Salton.

According to Ms. Stewart she now realizes that the vigorous exercises her military counterparts participated in prepare them for war.

Working with military people on a one on one basis you think that they are simply your co-workers," said Ms. Stewart. "But SOS opened my eyes to the fact that the military is here for one purpose—readiness."

Department of Defense civilians in the grades of GS-9 and above and at least three years of continuous civil service are eligible to attend SOS.



# Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Raven Ellis

**Unit:** 99th Comptroller Squadron **Duty Title:** Financial services

technician

Hometown: Athens, Ga.

**Time in Air Force:** 3 years and 4

months

**Time at Nellis:** 3 years

Hobbies: Reading and writing

short stories.

Goals: To graduate from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

and attend law school.

If I could change one thing about **Nellis?** Improve the morale of the airmen by having more activities for the younger troops.

What's my favorite Air Force memory? Participating in the Top Dollar competition for finance.











# Are people ready to answer the call?

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Ramey AWFC Public Affairs

It's 3 a.m. The phone rings notifying you of an immediate deployment. Details are classified, but you need to get your gear together and report to the mobility processing line at 8 a.m. Are you ready to go?

The middle of the night is not the time to worry about being prepared for a deployment.

Each year, approximately 800 Nellis people are deployed to locations around the globe. Many of these are assigned against specific mobility positions, but others also deploy with their units, as members of joint teams within their career fields, and within the next year, as part of an air expeditionary force.

"The need to maintain individual readiness is greater now than ever before," said Staff Sgt. Brian Sapp, unit deployment manager for the 99th Mission Support Squadron. "People need to stay physically and mentally prepared, get ready to deploy and stay ready."

To be ready, there are a few things everyone subject to a deployment should consider.

"People need to stay current with their mobility training, ensure they have all required personal items, and prepare for their family and personal responsibilities," Sgt. Sapp said.

Mobility training includes nuclear, biological and chemical warfare defense training, small arms qualification, self aid and buddy care, and law of armed conflict.

In addition, people need to be current with immunizations, take part in a mask fit test and have their personal bags ready. "Personal bags include all uniform and personal items," Sgt. Sapp said. "Having a full compliment of uniforms at all times will decrease the amount of money and time spent getting ready for deployment."

Married members and single parents also need to consider childcare, medical powers-of-attorney, automobile care, and the general well being of dependents.

"Preparing for family and personal responsibilities in advance dramatically reduces the amount of time and stress involved in deploying," Sgt. Sapp said. "Don't forget the easily overlooked things such as who will pay the bills, where will the car be stored, do family members know the deployment location and length," he said. "These may seem like things that no one could forget, but we often get calls from parents and spouses that know their loved ones are deployed, but don't know where or how long."

Don't wait for the call in the middle of the night. Start preparing now. For more information on deployments, call unit deployment managers.

# **Deployment checklist**

### **Medical**

- ~Physicals, dental and immunizations-stay current with required exams and shots.
- ~Optometry-stay current with annual exams, people who wear glasses should get the gas mask inserts.

## Legal

- ~Wills
- ~Responsibilities of single parents/join spouse/military couples.

## **Commander's Support Staff**

- ~Family care-complete AF Form 357.
- ~Government charge card-ensure card is active.

### **Required Training**

- ~Weapons qualification.
- ~Medical self-aid/buddy care.
- ~Nuclear, biological and chemical defense training.
- ~Mask fit test.
- ~Law Of Armed Conflict

### **Mobility Folders**

- ~Emergency data card, DD Form 93-make sure current.
- ~Metal ID tags (dog tags).

### **Members**

- ~OJT records (AF Form 623) -make sure up to date.
- ~Current leave and earnings statement-members should always carry the current one on them.

Courtesy 99th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Readiness Unit.

# Preparations for Operational Readiness Inspection

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz **AWFC Public Affairs** 

Operational readiness inspections are the most direct measure of a unit's warfighting readiness. Preparations for the ORI have already begun at Nellis.

The planned ORI exercises are conducted in two phases. Both the 99th Air Base Wing and 57th Wing are the main participants.

"The 99th and 57th Wings will practice how to go to war," said Capt. Mark Saragosa, 99th ABW

have persons and cargo deployments and Phase II is practicing living and working in a war zone. Camp Cobra is the site for this simulation."

In preparation, Nellis just completed a major accident response exercise and will have pre-Phase I and II exercises in October.

We just had an accident exercise about a month ago for a simulated chemical spill over at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing

chief of readiness. "Phase I will Office," said Capt. Saragosa. "We were going to conduct an aircraft mishap exercise but because of the two recent incidents, the squadrons received real mishap training."

> "The need for continuous readiness has never been greater than with today's air expeditionary forces. By conducting mobility exercises and Combat Support Operational Readiness Exercises, Team Nellis has been at the forefront in training the way we fight," said Col. Eulberg, 99th ABW commander.

"Our next mobility exercise and CSORE are scheduled for Oct. 16. Training our personnel to survive and operate in a combat environment is a command responsibility. should also be every commander's top priority. We cannot afford to lose that focus in peacetime operations."

The exercise evaluation team and Air Combat Command inspector general will evaluate the base in the fall of 2001. In 1997, Nellis scored "excellent" on ACC's evaluation.



# Food drive success

**By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz** a tremendous out pouring **AWFC Public Affairs** of support and help from the

Nellis' community recently helped those in need with two food drives. The drives were organized to benefit the Nellis community and two downtown nonprofit organizations.

The first collection at the commissary Aug. 14 to 18 collected more than 1,000 items, \$200 in cash donations from patrons for Nellis' Red Cross Food Locker. The commissary also donated \$200 in cash vouchers to the cause.

"Our first collection benefits retirees, dependents and active duty members within the Nellis' community who are having a hard time making ends meet," said Capt. Debbie Anderson, 57th Operation Support Squadron. "The collection filled the Food Locker shelves. There was

a tremendous out pouring of support and help from the Nellis community to make this happen."

The Southern Nevada Federal Executive Association held a second collection Aug. 18 to 25. Nellis' units worked with the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy to gather two truckloads of donations to support Shade Tree and Christian Charities of Las Vegas.

"Shade Tree is a women's shelter downtown for abused women," said Capt. Anderson. "Both nonprofit organizations will receive non-perishable food items and hygiene products such as toothpaste, soap or toilet paper."

More food drives at Nellis are planned in the future. For more information, call Nellis' Food Bank at 652-



Staff Sgt. Anthony Wilson, Red Cross volunteer, works an average of three days a week in the food locker helping to organize and maintain the shelves.

# Thrift Shop opens doors

By Tammi Jablonski Thrift Shop manager

After a much-needed summer break, it's business as usual at the Nellis Thrift Shop starting Tuesday.

The Thrift Shop is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Nellis Officers' Spouses' Club, which provides financial support to base services, local charities and student and spouse scholarships.

The Thrift Shop is not supported by government agencies, but by our customers. Aside from the manager, bookkeeper and janitor, the Thrift Shop is operated by volunteers. They do everything from taking consignments to making sales. While a small portion of our profit is used for operating expenses, the rest is given to the NOSC to support various charities and scholarships.

Last season, nearly \$20,000 was raised to support organizations such as the Air Force Village, Red Cross, Family Advocacy, Girl Scouts, Operation Warm Heart, Nellis Children's Library and Youth Cen-

Consigning items is easy. Just bring them, along with a valid ID to the Thrift Shop Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donations are always welcome anytime, just drive around the side of the building, and leave your items in our white donation box. Tax receipts are available upon request.

The Thrift Shop is located on the south side of the Commissary. Additionally, the shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales. Get some great bargains during our half price red tag sale Sept. 9.

# Time Out, time to relax

Ms. Connie Holt 99th Services Squadron

Nellis' Time Out Sports Lounge has changed its name to The Time Out Sports Bar & Grill to more accurately reflect its function as an eating establishment, as opposed to "just a lounge."

The Time Out now serves coffee, including flavored coffees, and pastries seven mornings a week. It opens at 9 a.m. daily and closes at 11 p.m. every night except Friday, when it remains open until 1 a.m. Lunch is served beginning at 10:30 a.m., and delivery is available on base and in base housing after 5 p.m.

"Everyone on base can enjoy the daily food specials and the entertainment offered at The Time Out. Patrons who are is \$5 in advance, or \$10 at the door

great time.

members of either the Enlisted or Officers' Club may re- Everyone always has a deem their club coupons here," said Mr. Dwight Davis, 99th Services Squadron. "This is a relatively new benefit of club

membership. Club members are also eligible to win prizes in the Football Frenzy promotion while enjoying football games at The Time Out.'

Football Frenzy kicks off today at both clubs and The Time Out. Watch Monday Night Football at any of these locations for a chance to win a trip to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, the Super Bowl in Tampa, or the San Francisco at San Diego game. Each trip includes round-trip airfare for two hotel accommodations and a rental car. Sports bags, shirts and Frenzy.

more will also be given away.

Live bands perform Friday nights, usually twice a month. Karaoke is offered Wednesday nights and some Friday nights. "Karaoke nights are very popular here," said Ms. Kat Pauley, Time Out manager. "If you don't know what it's all about, you should come over and see—and hear—for yourself. Everybody always has a great time."

Monthly calendars, which show food specials and entertainment, are available for pickup at The Time Out.

In addition to musical entertainment, The Time Out is hosting two pool parties. A "Beat the Heat Barbecue" is at the Olympic Pool tonight and Sept. 22, from 7 p.m. to midnight. There will be games, prizes, food and beverages. Cost

and includes dinner of hamburger or hot dog with baked beans, potato salad, chips and one beverage. Additional beverages are sold for \$1 throughout the evening. Tick-

ets are available for purchase at The Time Out. Several tickets will be given away to customers at The Time Out and at both the Enlisted and Officers'

Ms. Kat Pauley

**Time Out mangaer** 

The Time Out Sports Bar & Grill is located at 4540 Carswell Ave., at the intersection of Fitzgerald Blvd. and Carswell. For information on any of the events or activities, call 652-2880.

SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., and American Airlines sponsor Football



# Nellis News

Editor's note: Bullseye submissions are due by noon the Friday prior to publication.

### Korean War veterans

Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon for Korean War veterans. Anyone who took part in the Korean War can call Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events.

## 99th Dental Squadron

Volunteers are needed for the Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistance Course. Class starts Oct 23. For more information, call 653-2610.

## Airman's Attic

The Nellis Top Three seeks donations for the renovated Airman's Attic. The Attic is located with the Thrift Shop on the south side of the Commissary. It is open for donations Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m. and Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. Top Three members are available to pick up large donations from homes by appointment Sept. 9. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Martin at 652-1202 or Master Sgt. Mark Taylor at 652-4364.

## **Girl Scouts of Nellis**

The Girl Scouts of Nellis are looking for women and men to be troop leaders, program consultants and drivers. For more information, call 643-9144.

## Palace Front briefing

A Palace Front Air Force Reserve briefing is Thursday and Sept. 21 in building 20, room 319 at 1 p.m. The program allows eligible officers and enlisted people with a date of separation in February or earlier to continue their military service with the Air Force Reserve. For more information, call the in-service recruiters at 652-4806/9423.

## Free letter writing kits

Free letter writing kits for deploying members and their families can be picked up at the Family Support Center, Child Development Center or the Youth Center

### All Dads Are Parents Too

ADAPT support group is for any dad-to-be and active-duty single dads focusing on prevention of stress, reduction of parenting constraints and the importance of a proactive approach to juggling multiple demands and roles as a parent. Group meetings begin Sept. 19 and are Tuesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the HAWC classroom, building 625. For more information, call 653-3380.

## Single Moms Are Resilient

SMART support group is for any pregnant or single mom focus-

ing on childhood education, information exchange and giving encouragement. For more information, call Ms. Paula Tracy at 653-3380.

## Childhood trauma support

This new support group, designed to meet the needs of adult survivors of childhood trauma, is psychological-educational in scope. Anyone wanting to learn more about the long-term impact of childhood physical, emotional, and sexual abuse or neglect can attend. The goal is to remain proactive and positive while reducing the potential for ongoing negative impact from these experiences. For more information, call Ms. Paula Tracy at 653-3380.

# Labor Day facility closure

The Facilities Improvement Center is closed Saturday for the Labor Day holiday. The center reopens Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon.

# Our way of saying "Thanks!"

If you are deploying or going TDY for more than 30 days, stop by the Family Support Center with your orders and get a free \$20 worldwide phone card. For more information, call 652-3327.

# Armed Forces Voters Week Sept. 3 through 9

Commanders and Voting Assistance Officers are making preparations for Armed Forces Voters Week beginning Sunday. The purpose of the week is to register all citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Commanders and VAOs can encourage all of Nellis to focus on the remaining state primaries as well as participate in the Nov. 7 general election. Activities include an explanation of the procedures and requirements to register and how to obtain absentee ballots.

For more information, call Maj. Deborah Milano at 653-3524 or the

voting line at 653-3696 for additional information.

Service Voting Action Plans and the August Voting Information News newsletter can be found on the Web site: www.fvap.ncr.gov.



# Nellis Living

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Base Theater 652-5020

# **Show times**

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the email mailing list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcm.com.

**Today The In Crowd (PG-13)**Susan Ward, Lori
Heuring

Saturday, Sunday Pokemon the Movie (G)

**Monday The Patriot (R)** *Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger* 

> \*\* Theater is closed Tuesday and Wednesday\*\*

Thursday, Sept. 8
The Patriot (R)

**Chapel 652-2950** 

# Weekly schedule:

## Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m. **Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4

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**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### **Protestant worship Sunday:** Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

# Activities

**Singles** meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** meets noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 453-3248.

**Men of the Chapel** will begin meeting again on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Basement.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

"Lord, I need grace to make it" is a study on the endless grace of God. Classes are Thursdays beginning Sept. 14 through Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Information is after Chapel services. For more information, call 643-5981.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858

### **Gospel choir director**

Nellis' Chapel seeks a qualified person to fill the position of gospel choir director. For more information, call 652-2950.

## Gospel choir accompanist

The Chapel is looking for a qualified individual to fill the position of accompanist for the Gospel Choir beginning Oct. 1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Moyle at 652-2950.

## **RCIA** meeting

Adults who have graduated from high school and are interested in becoming Catholics can come to Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sunday at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 651-6587 or 648-1401.

Education Center 652-5280

## **Tuition assistance**

The Education Office is gearing up for the next fiscal year. Members using tuition assistance who have classes starting in the current fiscal year should apply for TA by Sept. 17. Currently, TA is not available for classes that start in October.

# **Embry-Riddle**

Registration for the winter terms at ERAU begins Oct. 2. Graduate and undergraduate degree programs are available. For more information, call 652-2389.

Enlisted Club 652-9733

# **Surprise** gift

Beginning today, all evening dining room guests receive a surprise with each meal. Lunch guests are entered into a drawing for one surprise each day. You must be a club member to participate.

Family Support Center 652-3327

# Ready, Set, Grow

Class is Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., for parents of children between the ages of 3 to 36 months. Come to this program and bring the little ones to interact with other children.

# **Predeployment**

This briefing is Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. It's designed to help members of Nellis' communities to prepare for deployments and remote assignments. The briefing also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration.

# Federal job fair

The Family Support Center hosts a Federal Job Information Fair Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Representatives from several federal agencies will be available to answer questions.

## Job search

To get help with resumes, interviewing and networking, go to Job Search in Las Vegas Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, call the Family Support Center.

HAWC 653-3376

## **Back to Basics**

This class gives tips on stabilization techniques and strength exercises for the back. Classes are held every third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the HAWC classroom. Sign-up is mandatory.

# Massage therapy

Massage therapy is offered every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Health and Wellness Center by appointment. Gift certificates are also available. Call for an appointment.

Nellis Boys and Girls Club 652-9307

# **Dance classes**

Ms. Shelby Brown will instruct children ages 3 through adult on ballet, jazz and tap dance. Classes are scheduled to begin Tuesday. An activity card is required for youth ages 6 and up. One-hour class is \$23 per month and half-hour is \$17 per month. For more information, call 652-9307.

Officer's Club 644-2582

# **Crud Tournament**

The Air Combat Command Crud Tournament begins in September. Participants will receive a T-shirt, and the winners will be awarded a \$100 club card credit. The ACC Finals are at Nellis, Oct. 25. Each final winner receives a \$1,000 travel voucher. Sign up today. Allied Domecq Spirits USA, Canadian Club and LAVA sponsor the 2000 ACC Crud Tournament.

Outdoor Recreation Center 652-8967

# NAF property sale

New and used NAF items are for sale Sept. 14 and 15, 8 to 11 a.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Sealed bids are taken Sept. 14 through 22 on a 24-passenger 1992 Diamond bus. Starting bid is \$6,000. Place sealed bids in the locked box located in Outdoor Recreation. There is also a swap meet Sept. 14 and 15, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign-up to rent a table for \$15.

Skills Development Center 652-2794

# **Scrapbook class**

Learn to create an attractive scrapbook. Class is Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost of \$6 includes album page and supplies. Students need to bring six to eight photos.

### Ceramic classes

Sign up for children's ceramic classes beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday for "Pick a Dog" class or Sept. 16 for "Pumpkin" class. Cost is \$5 for each class. Adults can make a cornucopia for Thanksgiving on Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20.

Tickets & Tours 652-2192

# California adventure

People can try their luck at a taping of "The Price is Right" or get a fill of adventure at Universal Studios. These two trips run simultaneously. Cost of "The Price is Right" tour is \$54 per person. Participants must be 18 to view the taping of the show. Cost for the Universal Studios tour is \$70. Both prices include admission fee and transportation costs. The bus leaves Nellis Sept. 12. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 7.